Academic Questions

Prof retired, I don’t miss meetings,
where men dived for resonance of
voice and women proved equal

to Aristotle himself in framing exhaust-
ing catalogs. Worst were heavy seminars
where faculty preambles to questions
stretched beyond the boundaries

of snooze. I’d like to show you
where this wasn’t so. When
Wolfowitz or Pearle addressed

Columbia, a young professor began his ques-
tion something like “You sleazy sonofabitch!
You ought to be tried as a war criminal!” This

example offer I for joyful brevity’s sake. So,
now, Wolfowitz OR Pearle? you
rightly ask. I just can’t remember.

Either Golddust Twin’d spend
your children’s blood

for theory, and frequently
for dough.